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Remarks

Claims 1-17 have been canceled. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 18-30 are pending in the application, with claims 18, 22, 26 and 29 being the independent claims. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Claim 29 has been amended to delete reference to canceled claims, and to insert the contents of the canceled claim.

Conclusion

Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Claims

29. A composition prepared according to the method [of any one of claims 1, 9, 12, or 15] comprising mixing silica and liquid mixed tocopherols, wherein said liquid mixed tocopherols are present in amounts of 65 to about 80 weight percent of said vitamin powder, and wherein said silica has a particle size of between 40 and 50 microns.